

## STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

This statement is submitted pursuant to the resolution of the Assembly of States Parties on the Procedure for the nomination and election of members of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims (ICC-ASP/1/Res.7).

Mr. Gocha Lordkipanidze fully complies with requirements for nomination set out in paragraph 1 of the above resolution: he is of high moral character, impartiality and integrity and has competence in the assistance to victims of serious crimes.

This is best attested by his continued public service for more than two decades and firm commitment to international law, human rights and assistance to victims of serious crimes. Mr. Gocha Lordkipanidze has extensive experience of working in assisting victims of serious crimes both in terms of policy and practice:

Since 90ies he has worked on legal, political and humanitarian aspects of the conflict resolution in Georgia to address in particular the needs of victims of grave humanitarian and human rights violations, including ethnic cleansing. He himself participated in the humanitarian aid operation in 1992 to assist the population in the town of Tkvarcheli in Abkhazia, drafted Georgia's report on the policy of ethnic cleansing in Abkhazia, Georgia in 1997 particularly highlighting means of international justice to address the interests of the victims. He frequently represented the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on international law and international human rights issues at UN various human rights bodies, including Human Rights Commission. In the same spirit, as a board member of Georgian Red Cross Society contributed substantially to raising awareness in humanitarian law in the country. He drafted the mandate of Georgian delegation for negotiation of the Rome Statute, proposed and advocated Georgia's joining of Like-minded Group of States, participated in negotiations leading to adoption of Rome Statute in 1998 and then in the framework of the Preparatory Commission for the Establishment of the International Criminal Court.

His work as adjunct-professor at Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) merits to be particularly highlighted as being focused on women rights, gender mainstreaming and IDP's political participation.

Currently Mr. Gocha Lordkipanidze as a Deputy Justice Minister of Georgia leads interstate litigation with the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) on behalf of the victims as well as directs the work in execution of the ECHR decisions with respect to victims of violations of European Convention on Human Rights. He also represents Georgia in relations with International Criminal Court, deals with cooperation with ICC and Trust Fund for Victims.

Mr. Lordkipanidze as a co-chair of the Interagency Gender Commission, contributes and coordinates interagency efforts to draft and meet commitments under the action plans on gender equality, violence against women and domestic violence and UN Security Council resolution 1325 on women, peace and security. His track-record also include drafting Human Rights Strategy of Georgia (2014-2020) with strong element of women rights, gender equality and fight against violence against women as a co-chair of Interagency Council; coordinating interagency efforts in elaboration of guidelines for law enforcements on human trafficking issues with the focus on the identification of THB victims, treatment of women and child victims, providing/offering needs-based assistance to the victims in the framework of Interagency Council against Human Trafficking; leading efforts in Interagency Humanitarian Commission (IHL) of Georgia to further develop the legal framework on missing persons in time of armed conflict, putting in place relevant instruments to combat and prevent the sexual and gender-based violence during and after the armed conflict, promoting protection of IDP women from sexual, domestic and gender-based violence, ensuring their access to medical, psychological and legal assistance service.

As a member of Council of Europe Gender Equality Commission (GEC) Mr. Lordkipanidze continues to take efforts to upgrade the importance of working with perpetrators of violence against women and domestic violence at GEC thematic discussions.

Having this premise, Assembly of State Parties of the Rome Statute can be confident in investing Mr. Gocha Lordkipanidze's experience and knowledge into the position of a member of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims.